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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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SUBJECT: NEW AMERICAN CONSULAR POSITIONS FOR KINGSTON

REF: STATE 019000

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT REPLY TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR NEW AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION, BUT IS DISMAYED BY PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE THIS AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION FOR ONE OF THE TWO CONSULAR OFFICER POSITIONS ALREADY PROMISED EMBASSY FOR FY 1976.
2. EMBASSY IN ITS CONSULAR PACKAGE AND CASP HAS JUSTIFIED AD NAUSEM THESE TWO NEW CONSULAR POSITIONS. IT ALSO I EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING BOTH POSITIONS HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT (IN TERMS KINGSTON'S NEEDS) ALL ALONG BUDGET TRAIL. NOW, HALFWAY THROUGH FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THEY WERE TO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE, EMBASSY LEARNS TWO NEW PSOTIONS REDUCED TO ONE. AFTER JUSTIFICATION WITHSTANDS TWO YEARS OF RIGOROUS SCRUTINY, CAN POSITIONS BE DIVERTED AT LAST MINUTE? EMBASSY IS WILLING TO CONCEDE DEPARTMENT'S NEED TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES ACCORDING TO PRIORITIES, BUT APPREHENSION EXISTS THAT SOME RECENT NEED ARISING ELSE-WHERE IN DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SATISFIED WITHOUT THOROUGH STUDY OF WHY POSITION WAS SLUGGED FOR KINGSTON IN FIRST PLACE.

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3. FOR EXAMPLE, BY MIDSUMMER KINGSTON WILL BE ISSUING

ABOUT SEVEN THOUSAND NIVS MONTHLY TO HIGH-FRAUD-RISK APPLICANTS HAVING ONE OF HIGHEST NO-RETURN RATES IN WORLD. ASSUMING NEW CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION DISCUSSED ABOVE IS ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY TO NIVS AND FURTHER ASSUMING NO GAPS IN ASSIGNMENTS, NO HOLIDAYS, LEAVE, SICKNESS, OR TIME AWAY FROM DESK OF ANY KIND FOR THREE OFFICERS PRESENTLY ISSUING NIVS, THIS WORKS OUT TO FIVE AND ONE-HALF MINUTES PER VISA APPLICANT, INCLUDING INTERVIEW, ISSUANCE OR REFUSAL, RECORDING, REPORTING, ETC. ACTUAL TIME AVAILABLE WILL OF COURSE TURN OUT TO BE MUCH LESS. DEPARTMENT MUST DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER THIS IS MANNER IN WHICH IT WANTS US IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCED IN JAMAICA.

4. WHETHER PROSPECTS FOR SECOND CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION ARE GOOD OR BAD, EMBASSY ASKS THAT FIRST POSITION BE PROMPTLY FILLED.

5. REGARDING FIRST SENTENCE OF THIRD PARA REFTTEL, EMBASSY SEEKS CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER QUOTE ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN CONSULAR POSITION ABOVE EXISTING COMPLEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR KINGSTON OVER NEXT 12-15 MONTHS UNQUOTE REFERS TO FY 1976 POSITION DISCUSSED ABOVE OR TO WHETHER ADDITIONAL (THIRD) CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION POST HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR FY 1977.

6. SEPTTEL WILL OFFER FURTHER COMMENT ON AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION -- BUT LATTER NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION.
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